Remarks

A Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed for the above referenced application on June 4, 2004. The Issue Fee has not yet been paid. All of the pending claims (1-28) have been allowed.

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Claim 23 is amended to correct a minor typographical error. Specifically, the deletion of the word "of", before the word "perforations", is requested. No new matter is added by this amendment.

M.P.E.P. § 714.16 indicates that the Examiner may enter amendments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) that embody the following:

> [T]he correction of ... formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof ... .

(Page 700-229, Rev. 2 May 2004)

The amendment merely corrects a typographical error in the claims. No additional search or examination is required. Therefore, entry of the amendment requires no substantial additional work on the part of the PTO.

As the above amendment meets the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 714.16, entry is respectfully requested.

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